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1. ANY JUDGMENT BY THE EMBASSY AS TO WHETHER KUWAIT WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND UAE THE COST OF THE EGYPTIAN F-5E PURCHASE MUST BE PURELY SPECULATIVE AT THIS POINT.

2. NORMAL GOK POLICY IS NOT TO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN PROVIDING ARMS TO ANOTHER COUNTRY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GOK HAS BEEN WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE MONEY, PART OF WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE USED FOR MILITARY SUPPLIES, AS IT DID TO SOMALIA IN THE OGADEN AFFAIR. HOWEVER, UNLIKE SAUDI ARABIA, QATAR AND UAE, KUWAIT IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE ARAB (MILITARY) INDUSTRIAL ORGANI-ZATION, WHICH COULD BE ALOGICAL CHANNEL FOR PROVIDING
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FUNDS TO EGYPT FOR THIS PURPOSE, SO THAT SOME OTHER CHANNEL WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND.

3. KUWAIT'S PRESENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS EGYPT IS COMPLICATED BY ITS SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE REACTION TOWARD SADAT'S ROLE IN THE PEACE PROCESS AND ITS SENSITIVITY TO PALESTINIAN PRESSURE IN THIS SAME CONNECTION. WE

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BELIEVE THESE FACTORS WOULD TEND TO MAKE KUWAIT RELUCTANT
TO CONTRIBUTE OPENLY TO DEFRAY EGYPTIAN COST
OF PURCHASING F-5ES. NEVERTHELESS, IF SAUDIS DID
SUFFICIENT ARM TWISTING, GOK WOULD EVENTUALLY CHIP IN,
PROVIDED CONTRIBUTION COULD BE CONCEALED IN SOME FASHION
OR OTHER.
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